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Re Application Of:

Examiner:

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System And Method For Coating A Tubular

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

With regard to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2007, please take the following action.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has identified, in her view, two separate and distinct inventions within the claims of the above-identified patent application, namely:

Group I. Claims 1-24 and 41, drawn to coating method, classified in class 427, subclass 2.24.

Group II. Claims 25-40, drawn to coating apparatus, classified in Class 118, subclass 232.



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Applicants' election

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-24 and 41. The election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve their rights to filing a divisional application for Group II.

CONCLUSION

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due with this response. If this is incorrect, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the amount due to Squire, Sanders & Dempsey Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

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